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EXTRACT FROM VIRGINIA GAZETTE 1752 AND 1755*.

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Feb. 28, 1750-51, No. 9.

"Virginia, ss.

The Hon. Lewis Burwell, Esq., President of His Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of the Colony and Dominion of Virginia,

To all Sheriffs, Constables, and other His Majesty's Liege People, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

Whereas Complaint is this Day made to me, by Thomas Wilson, of the Borough of Norfolk, That an Apprentice, named Samuel ——— has absented himself from his Service, and it is supposed is gone towards Hanover or Fredericksburg, on a mare which he stole from Warwick County. He is about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, of a ruddy Complexion, his Eyes somewhat red, and has a sore Leg; he is freckled in the Face, and when accused of any Thing, has a down Look. He had on a good large Hat, a brown cut Wig, a blue Cloth Coat, lin'd with Scarlet, and had yellow Metal Buttons. He is a Taylor by Trade.

These are therefore, in His Majesty's Name, to require you, and every of you, to make diligent Search and Pursuit, by Way of Hue and Cry, within your several Bailiwicks and Precincts, after the said Run-away; and him having found, to convey from Constable to Constable, until he shall be deliv(er)ed unto his said Master. Herein you are not to fail, as you will answer the Contempt at your Peril.

*The Virginia Gazettes for 1752 and 1756 exist only in one file each and in some scattered numbers. The gentleman who contributed these extracts was studying the subject of crime in the Colonies. Hence the amount of such matter in the extracts.

GIVEN under my Hand, the 25th Day of February, 1750-1.
LEWIS BURWELL.

Whoever takes up the said Run-away, and conveys him to me, shall have a Pistole and a Half Reward, besides what the Law allows.

Thomas Wilson."

A brick Prison is to be built for Essex County, which will be let to an Undertaker, at the Court-House, on the 19th of March, by

William Roane
James Jones

FIFTY PISTOLES REWARD.

On the 13th of February Inst. the Store-house belonging to the Subscriber, in Smithfield Town, Isle of Wight County, was broke open, and sundry Merchandize stolen from thence; also a considerable Sum of Money, contained in Two gilt Trunks. Whoever will give Information of the Thieves, so that they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted of the Robbery, shall receive Fifty Pistoles Reward of

James Dunlop.

March 7th, 1750-1.

By the True Patriot, Capt. Trenchard, from Bristol, we hear, that the Spaniards who were Passengers from Virginia, in the Jubilee, belonging to Mr. Hanbury, had form'd a Scheme to murder the Crew, and run away with the Ship, which they endeavoured to carry into Execution; but by the Activity of the Englishmen were happily prevented in their Design.—Several of them were kill'd, and the others confin'd.

We have Advice, that the Crew of a Ship bound from Liverpool, to North Carolina, joined by some Convicts on Board, rose on the Captain and Mate, and having confined them, cut the Sails and Rigging to Pieces, and afterwards leaving the

Ship in that Condition, got ashore in North Carolina. Three of them travel'd from thence to Norfolk, and pass'd for Captain, Mate, and Boatswain of a Ship cast away on Cape Hatteras. A Vessel from Boston, came up with the Ship soon after they left her, releas'd the Captain and Mate, and brought her into North Carolina. A Hue and Cry being issued by Governor Johnston for apprehending the Villains, four of them were taken in that Province, and two of them at Norfolk; and as there is strict Search making after the rest, we have good Reason to believe they will be all soon apprehended and brought to Justice.

This Day a Court of Oyer and Terminer was held for York County, for Tryal of three Negroe Fellows, concerned in several Robberies committed in this City. Two of them were found Guilty of Burglary, and sentenced.

April 4, 1751.

Philadelphia, January 29.

A Person that goes by the name of John Jones, supposed to be a Coiner, and an Out-law of Virginia, for whom, 'tis thought, a considerable Reward was offer'd by the Government some Time ago, being apprehended in a Hay Stack, and a Kind of Augre for making Holes about him, is committed to Prison. (This we have Reason to believe is one of the Jackson's.)

April 18, 1751.

Low Jackson, from Nansemond County, (whose Ingenuity has occasion'd so great a Disturbance in this Colony) was brought before the General Court on Tuesday last, and indicted for forging and counterfeiting Spanish Double-Doublons; and after a long Trial, his Jury brought him in Guilty.

John Hill, alias Seale, from Southampton County, for Horse-stealing, was found Guilty. This is the fourth Time he has appear'd before the General Court, and was once condemn'd, but afterwards receiv'd a Pardon; and is the same Fellow who got out of Norfolk Prison some Time ago, robb'd a Store, and return'd into Prison again to prevent Suspicion.

Joseph Markham, from Northumberland, for stealing Tobacco, found Guilty; and John Boah, for a Misdemeanour in receiving said Tobacco, was fin'd Forty Shillings, and ordered to be imprisoned Six Months.

John Birk, from King George, for stealing 300 weight of Tobacco, found Guilty.

John Ashwell, from Essex, for stealing Wigs, &c., Guilty.

Thomas Smith, from Northumberland, was convicted of the Manslaughter of Robert Knowles.

William Maniffee, from Spotsylvania was indicted for Manslaughter, but acquitted.

Thomas Alley, from York, for Felony, acquitted.

The Trial of George Catr, from Nansemond, for the Murder of Samuel Milner, is continued to October.

May 9, 1751.

The Prisoners who were convicted at the Beginning of the General Court, were brought to the Bar, on Tuesday last, when,

Low Jackson, for coining and counterfeiting Double Double-loons, and John Hill, alias Seale, for Horse-stealing, were sentenced to die.

Seale, who is an old Offender, made a Petition to the Court, before Sentence was pass'd, desiring their Honours Clemency; alledging, That tho' a Brother should sin Seventy Times Seven, yet, on his Repentance, Christianity obliged us to forgive him.

Thomas Smith, for Manslaughter, John Ashewell, John Birk, and Joseph Markham, for Felony, were burnt in the Hand.

June 13, 1751.

At the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held here this Week, Edward Young, convicted of Felony, in stealing a Slave, was sentenced to die. Anthony Weathered convicted of Felony, and having had the Benefit of Clergy, in December, by the Name of James M'Donald, alias John Dolphin, was sentenced to die. Thomas Ellison, convicted of Felony, burnt in the Hand. Diana Ellison, for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury. Martha Little, for the Murder of her Bastard Child, acquitted by the Petit Jury.

August 8.

Lowe Jackson, who was condemned last General Court, for Coining double Doubleloons, is repriev'd 'til His Majesty's Pleasure be known.

October 11.

The following Prisoners are now in the Public Goal here; their Trials will come on before the General Court on Wednesday next.

John Holt, from Stafford, committed for a Felony. Anne Gray, from Stafford, for a Felony. Edward Stokes, from Frederick, for Horse-stealing. Peter Batesman, from Northumberland, for House-breaking; Henry Stanworth, from York, for Murder; John Brown, from King William, for stealing a Watch; Robert Howles, from Hanover, for breaking Goal; Nicholas Dernin, from Amelia, for burning the Prison; Richard Burk, from Norfolk, for Murder; Day Thoroughgood, from Augusta, for Murder; Moses Rawlings, from Norfolk, for counterfeiting the Current Coin.

Oct. 17, 1751.

At the General Court held Yesterday and To-day, the following Criminals were brought to their Trial, viz.

George Kerr, from Norfolk, for Murder, guilty. Death.

Richard Burk, from Norfolk, for Murder, acquitted.

William Johnson, from Spotsylvania, for stealing a Watch, guilty. Death.

Anne Gray, from Stafford, for Felony, acquitted.

John Brown, from King William, for stealing a Watch, acquitted.

Henry Stanworth, from York, for Murder, guilty. Death.

Edward Stokes, from Frederick, for Horse-stealing, acquitted.

Nicholas Dernin, from Amelia, for burning the Prison, guilty. Death.

Robert Howles, from Hanover, for breaking Goal, imprisoned one Year.

Moses Rawlings, from Norfolk, for counterfeiting the Current Coin, acquitted.

John Holt, from Stafford, for Felony, guilty.

Oct. 24.

Virginia, to wit.

At a General Court held at the Court-house in Williamsburg,
October the 17th, 1751.

ORDERED, That the Witnesses who shall for the future be summoned or bound to attend this Court on the sixth Day thereof, on Behalf of His Majesty, do, in the morning of that Day, before the sitting of the Court, attend the Attorney General, to instruct him in forming Indictments against the Criminals; and that if they fail to appear in Court on their first Calling, no Certificates be granted them to the General Assembly, to entitle them to their Allowances from the Publick.

Dec. 12.

At the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held the 10th, 11th, & 12th Instant, the following Criminals were brought to their Trial, viz.:

Day Thoroughgood, from Augusta, for the Murder of His Master James Conerley, guilty. Death.

Peter Bateman, from Northumberland, for Felony, in breaking open Charles Campbell's Store, guilty. Death.

John Floy, from Culpeper, for Manslaughter, burnt in the hand.

James Grainger, from King & Queen, for Felony, burnt in the hand.

Josiah Harper and Christopher Gume, from Norfolk, for Felony, burnt in the hand.

Dec. 27, 1751.

George Kerr and Henry Stanworth, condemned for Murder, at the General Court in October, were executed on Friday last.

January 10, 1751-2.

This day Peter Bateman for Felony, and Day Thoroughgood for Murder, condemned at the Court of Oyer and Terminer in December last, were executed in this City.

April 30, 1752.

The following Persons, indicted for Felony, were brought to their Trials, before the General Court, on the 16th and 17th Instant, viz.:

Peter McGuire, from Spotsylvania, acquitted.

Henry Todd, from Gloucester, guilty.

Thomas Wenwick, from Prince William, guilty.

Hannah Hopkins, from York, guilty; but since pardoned.

William Hoomes, from King William, acquitted.

Ambrose Bucker, from Culpepper, for Murder, acquitted.

Hamill Moore, from Essex, for a Cheat, was found guilty; and stood in the Pillory one Hour, having a Paper, on which was wrote FORGERY, fix'd to his Breast.

The Trial of William Flannakin, from Hanover, for a Rape, was put off, 'til June Court, the Evidences against him not appearing.

George Smith, and John Shockley, for Horse-stealing, were Out-law'd.

May 15, 1752.

A Person who calls himself by the Name of John Keef, and has lived in this City for some Months past, as a Painter, having offered to dispose of three Dublin Bank Notes, of considerable Value, to a Gentleman, it was suspected from several Circumstances, that he did not come honestly by them. Information being made to the Governor, His Honour ordered Search to be made for the said Bills, which were found at the said Keef's Lodgings, as also His Majesty's Commission to Paul Leonard Craddock, Coronet of the Scotch Greys, under the Earl of Stair, signed Carteret. Keef being out of Town, a Messenger was sent for him, who return'd with him the next Day, and he is now confined in the Public Goal. One of the Bills is for £506 payable to Miss Catherine O'Brien, or Bearer, signed by Richard Brewer, for John Wilcox and John Dawson, the other two Bills, one of which is for £506 and the other for £500 are signed in the same Manner, and payable to the Bearer, all dated at Dublin, in 1749.

Keef came to Virginia, sometime in the Year 1750, in the Dutchess of Queensbury, Capt. Dixon, as an indented Servant. He told the Ship's Company when he came on Board, that he was an Officer in the Army, that he was going to be married to a young Lady, Miss Catherine O'Brien, but some of her Relations interposing, he wounded one of them, and was obliged to fly, a Reward of £500 being offered for apprehending him. On his examination, he made no other Defence, than insisting that the Bills were his Property, having received them of Miss O'Brien, for a valuable Consideration. He is a Man of a middle Stature, very much pock-fretted, stammers in his Speech, and has a down Look; as it is not doubted, he used some unlawful Means to procure these Bills, 'tis hoped the Truth of the whole Affair will come to Light, before his Releasment.

June 12, 1752.

At the Court of Oyer and Terminer, which began on Tuesday last, the following Persons were brought to their Trials, viz.:

John Trotman and John Sparks, for the Murder of James Fox, guilty. Death.

William Flannagin, for a Rape, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Abigail Bennet, for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Owen Flooker, for a Rape, acquitted by the Petit Jury and bound to his good Behaviour for Seven Years.

Randall Gibson, for Felony, burnt in the Hand.

Henry Bates, for Felony, burnt in the Hand.

July 3, 1752.

On Wednesday last John Sparks confin'd in the Public Goal, under Sentence of Death, for the Murder of James Fox, contriv'd to saw off his Irons in the Day Time, and at Night, as soon as the Goaler open'd the Prison Door, knock'd him down with a Quart Bottle, and made his Escape. He was apprehended Yesterday Evening, and brought to Town this Morning, and to prevent a Possibility of his escaping the Justice his Crime deserv'd, was this Day executed at the Gallows. He confessed himself guilty of the Murder, but entirely acquitted James Trotman, who was sentenc'd with him at the same Time, and whose Execution is respited.

July 10.

A few Days ago, a fine Negroe Man Slave, imported in one of the late Ships from Africa, belonging to a Wheelwright, near this City, taking Notice of his Master's giving another Correction for a Misdemeanor, went to a Grindstone and making a Knife sharp cut his own Throat, and died on the Spot.

August 21.

Sometime last Month, a Negro Fellow belonging to Mr. Tunstall Hacke, of Northumberland County, while his Master was asleep, went into his Chamber in the Night, and with an Intent to murder him. He carried with him a broad Ax and struck him a Blow with it on the Left Shoulder and Arm, by which he is very much wounded, but his Life is in no Danger. He immediately made his Escape, and has not yet been heard of. His Honour the Governor has issued a Hue and Cry against him, directed to the Sheriffs of the several Counties; and, 'tis hoped their Endeavours will not be wanting to bring the Villain to Justice.

October 19, 1752.

At the General Court held on Monday and Tuesday last the following Criminals were brought to their Trials, viz.:

Henry Bates, from King William, for Felony. Guilty.

Moses Thomson, from Frederick, for Horse-stealing, guilty. Death.

James Wright, and Anne his Wife from Henrico for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Simon Bayley, from King William, for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Zebulon Hollingsworth, from Frederick, for Murder, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Thomas Kelly, from Fairfax, for shooting Thomas Davis, a notorious Robber and Horse-stealer, acquitted by the Petit Jury.

Dec. 8.

Last Friday Night about 11 o'clock, the Play-House in this City was broke open by one White Man and two Negroes, who violently assaulted and wounded Patrick Maloney, Servant to the Company, by knocking him down, and throwing him upon the Iron-Spikes, one of which run into his Leg, by which he hung for a Considerable Time, till he was relieved by some Negroes. The Villains that perpetrated this horrid Fact escaped, but a Reward is offered for apprehending them, and as the aforesaid Patrick Maloney continues dangerously ill of his Wounds, it is hoped they will be taken and brought to Justice.

Dec. 15.

At the Court of Oyer & Terminer, begun on Tuesday last, the following Criminals were brought to their Trials, viz.:

Alexander Gauling, for robbing on the Highway, guilty.
Death.

John Clifton, for Felony, in picking a Pocket, guilty. Death.

Thomas Aubery, alias Smith, for Horse-stealing, guilty.
Death.

John Robinson, for Felony, pleaded guilty. Burnt in the hand.

William Coulter, for Murder, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Thomas Lester, for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

Tomkins Marter, for Felony, acquitted by the Grand Jury.

The Virginia Gazette in J. H. Univ. Lib. contains: Feb. 28, 1755; May 7 to 28 complete; Apr. 4, etc., April complete; May 9; Sept. 5; May 16, 23; Sept. 12, 14, 26; Oct. 3, etc., complete; Nov. 7, 14.

"Virginia, February 4, 1755.

As a Person, pretending to be the Son of the late Duke of Wirtemberg, and in holy Orders, and taking upon himself the Names and Titles of *Carolus*, *Ludovicus*, *Rudolphus*, *Wirtemberg*, *princeps*, A. M., M. D., hath obtained the Liberty, ac-

ording to his Report, of preaching in several Churches within this Dominion. This is to give Notice, to all Ministers and others, That the said Person is an Impostor. He is a short, middle aged Man, a most notorious Liar, and affects to speak broken *English*. In order therefore to put a stop to this, and the like shameful Irregularities for the future, His Honor the Governor hereby strictly charges, and commands all ministers, or in their Absence the church Wardens, not to allow a Stranger, or an itinerant Preacher, under any Pretence whatever, to officiate in their churches, or Chapels, unless they have previously qualified themselves, as the Constitutions and canons of the Church of *England* and the Law of this Country expressly provide.

By Order of the Governor

N. Walthoe, Cl. Con.

Feb. 28, 1755.

Edmund Pendleton has been easy in collecting fees from clients, now needs money, having engaged ——— on account of Mr. Thomas Wild. The funds appointed by him for my Security being slow as well as deficient, I am obliged not only to submit to be publicly insulted on account of those Engagements, but am Threatened with Suits on that account. Asks those owing him to pay next April Court.

Mar. 7-55.

Speech of Gov. Glen of So. Car., Nov. 13, 1754 to Gen. Assembly there.

Urges defence against French and Indians "For, not only our Country, but our Constitution is worth contending for. We enjoy the happiest and most perfect Frame of Government in the World; it is the Envy of all Nations; the Language of all Nations is, Who would not be a Briton? By this Constitution, this Colony, from small Beginnings, has, in a short Space of Time, become very considerable, and highly beneficial to Great Britain. When our Fathers came from thence to settle here, they brought the Laws of their Mother-Country as their Birth-

right, and a glorious Inheritance they are. They brought with them that inestimable Jewel, the Privilege of enacting Laws for their good Government & without which they could have made no Progress; this Privilege I hope we shall ever possess, in the same pure Manner we do at present."

Procl. of Dinwiddie forbidding illegal trade with French. No flour, bread, pork or beef to be allowed out in any ship clearing at the customs.

Runaway negro from Wm. Skipwith, Brandon, Pr. Geo. Co., took a grey mare. Reward.

Feb. 28—2 negroes, runaways, in Surry Co. goal, sent to public goal, Williamsburg.

Mar. 21—Horse race at York—4 mile heats best 2 in 3—carrying 135 lbs.—Purse of 67 pistoles.

Mar. 24—Philadelphia, Mar. 11—Public desired to beware of counterfeit milled pieces of eight exceedingly well done—date 1754—have Philip instead of Ferdinand on them.

Mar. 24—Runaway negro from Saml. DuVal's plantation, Flat Rock Creek, Lunenburg Co., negro named Porringer, speaks pretty good English—has been in country 3 yrs.

Apr. 4-55.

Run away, Irish servant man, John D'Anvers—pretends to be barber-surgeon—age 30—pitted with small-pox—rode off on a brown mare—signed, Robt. Lyon, Wmsbg.

Apr. 11.

Ran away from Taverner Beal, Orange Co., "a Servant man, named *Michall Weston*, born in *Yorkshire*, age 23, pitted with small-pox." He came in as a Book-keeper but has served as a School-master. Took a bay horse—had on a white fustian coat with metal buttons, fore parts of his jacket uncut Velvet,

hind parts red callimanco, leather breaches, brown wig, new castor hat and a ruffled shirt—supposed to have made towards the shipping—5 pistoles reward (12 outside colony).

Ran away from Francis Tomkies, Gloucester Co., March last “a Conicut Servant man, named *John Sniley*”—was a plow hand, age 27, born in Yorkshire—went away with a Convict Servant maid of Mr. Warner Lewis’s, “who he let out of prison.” He is a malster by profession.

Horse stolen from stable near Wmsbg. Matthew Shields will give $\frac{1}{2}$ pistole reward, or 1 pistole on connection of Thief.

Apr. 18-55.

On *Wednesday* and *Thursday* last, the following Criminals were brought to their Trials, viz.:

John Turner, from Sussex for Murder, guilty. Death.

Mary Murray, alias Clark, alias Atkins, her former sentence ordered to be put in Execution.

Eleanor Feltom, from Norfolk, for Felony acquitted.

Stephen Hutchings, from ditto, or Bigamy, acquitted.

George Carter, from Stafford, for Felony, acquitted, but bound to his good Behaviour.

John Fraser and William Thompson, from Stafford, for Felony, convicted.

Robert Hamilton, from Augusta, for Murder, acquitted.

Alexander Rigsby, from Essex, for Murder, convicted of Manslaughter.

William Ritch, from Culpeper, for Felony, acquitted.

Peter Ridgeway (a Convict) for Felony, acquitted.

Bridget Huggins, from James City, for Felony, acquitted.

Judith Bird, from York, for Felony, convicted.

Thomas Jackson and Joseph Gaby, for Felony, acquitted.

Susanna Barnett, from Albemarle, for Felony, acquitted.

(To be Continued)